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## Board of Health to City Council.

The DeLand City Council:

Gentlemen:—Beginning July 1, 1903, the DeLand Board of Health has kept a record of all births and deaths in the city. We have been aided in this by all of the physicians of DeLand and we believe that the report which follows is complete. In figuring the birth rate and death rate we have estimated the actual residents of DeLand at 1,600: whites 900, and negroes 700.

**BIRTHS.**  
Total number..... 47  
Total number, white..... 31  
Total number, negro..... 16

**BIRTH RATE PER THOUSAND.**  
White..... 34.44  
Negro..... 22.85  
Altogether..... 30.25

**DEATHS.**  
Total number..... 39  
Total number resident..... 14  
Total number non resident..... 25  
Total number white..... 28  
Total number negro..... 11

**DEATH RATE PER THOUSAND.**  
Residents, only..... 8.75  
White..... 31.11  
Negro..... 27.27

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN MACDIARMID, Pres.  
V. W. GOULD, Secy.

The above is a remarkable statement. It can probably be matched by no other board of health statement in the country.

Five adult white residents died during the year, whose ages were, respectively, as follows:

Cyrus Waters—73 years.  
G. B. Clachar—83 years.  
Mrs. F. H. B. Corn—85 years.  
Mrs. Stevens—74 years.  
James Allen—85 years.

In addition to the above, L. A. Dade, aged four months, and another white child, aged three months, died.

The average age of white adult residents who died in DeLand, for the year, was 82 years.

No one died between the ages of four months and 73 years.

We have always known that DeLand had a remarkably low death rate and are glad to learn that the board of health has taken steps to establish this fact by a carefully kept record of vital statistics.

The above most extraordinary statement was published in the last issue. It attracted a great deal of attention and comment, and is republished by request of many citizens who wish to send copies of the paper to absent friends.

### Married at Osteen.

Mr. Elsie Hatch and Mrs. Rosa Huff were married at Osteen on Saturday by Justice of the Peace George M. Carpenter.

### Meeting of County Committee.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic executive committee of Volusia county on Friday, July 29, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the court house in DeLand, for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. By order of chairman.

JAMES W. PERKINS,  
Sec'y.

### Death of Mrs. Jonathan Clifton.

Mr. Jonathan Clifton came to DeLand from Glencoe last week, bringing a wife and family. Mrs. Clifton is very ill with kidney trouble, and her life is despaired of. Mrs. Clifton is the mother of a large family—a God-fearing, true wife and mother, and will be greatly missed among her friends should it please God to take her.

Mrs. Clifton died yesterday morning. Funeral services were held in the afternoon, and were quite largely attended.

## Local and

### Personal Briefs

Mr. Oscar Davis goes over to Goodall next week for a short vacation.

Ask for Brill's No. 1974 children's hose—best for money—12½ to 17 cents per pair.

Marsh Bros.—Phone 68—call us up for anything wanted from a first-class market.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Patton will spend a portion of the month of August on the beach.

Mrs. F. L. Moffatt and daughters returned home from the beach the last of the week.

Superintendent Bert Fish went over to the coast Wednesday, on a short business trip.

Wanted—Second hand blue flame or gasoline stove. C. L. Harrison, P. O. Lock Box 254.

DeLand bids fair to be very dull for the next few weeks—but the "season" will soon be upon us.

A fine two year old colt for sale. Broke to ride. Apply to L. E. Odum, Spring Garden, Fla.

J. T. Cairns has just made considerable repairs to the Steadman house on North Boulevard.

Most dainty new stationery in boxes. Latest linen effects 25 to 30 cents per box, at Brill's.

Sam Gordon has sold his old motorcycle to Harry Morris and has just purchased a new machine.

Mr. W. W. Watts is again on duty at Davis' store, after spending his vacation at the old home in Georgia.

Mrs. R. P. Moore left on Monday for a seven weeks' vacation, which she will spend in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Mrs. Powe and little Miss Mildred, who have been visiting Mrs. H. F. Watts at Leesburg, returned home on Saturday.

Marsh Bros. have just purchased 300 head of fine beef cattle, which they are now fattening up for use in their market.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jordan leave for the mountains of North Carolina, where they will spend a month or more.

Last—A well-developed rainy season. Finner will please return same to Volusia county, and receive the blessings of untold thousands.

A very pleasant little informal dance was given at the Aquatic Club pavilion Wednesday evening. The young folk went out in hacks.

Work on the addition to the public school has begun, and will be pushed in order to complete the job by the opening of school on October 3.

Miss Hodges, the accommodating telegrapher, spent the past week with friends at Tallahassee. She is expected back to DeLand on Saturday.

There will be services at the First M. E. church next Sunday, both morning and evening. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Chaplain W. H. Stewart will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. All other services of the church will continue the same as in the pastor's presence.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor left on Saturday for Boston, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Wilbur for several weeks, and then go to Maine to visit her sister, Mrs. Burrows.

Col. T. P. Lloyd has purchased a lot from the Jay estate and will erect a residence for his family. The lot is next to the Episcopal rectory and faces 132 feet on Clara avenue.

Prof. E. G. Baldwin has purchased a fine building lot from the Shimer estate, and will erect a residence on it for occupancy this fall. The lot lies next to Chaplain Stewart's residence.

Mr. C. A. Hodges returned to West Palm Beach on Saturday. Little Miss Katharine DeCamara, who has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow, returned home with Mr. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McElroy, who had been spending several weeks in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, came home last week. Miss Lucile McElroy is still with friends in Mississippi.

A musicale will be given at Mrs. Patton's on Thursday evening, July 28, for the benefit of the public school building fund. A silver offering will be accepted. Cool lemonade for the audience. Everybody invited to hear the music, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock.

G. A. Dreka & Co., who have been advertising a big reduction sale in clothing, etc., have had a heavy run from all over the county and from Lake county. A large number of people have taken advantage of this opportunity to fill their needs while the prices were so low—and they are remarkably low, too.

Alfred Howard, C. E., has been setting grade stakes for sidewalks on Rich, New York and Minnesota Avenues and North Boulevard. The council, in ordering these walks put down in the dead of summer, when there is so little doing, did a wise act. The several hundred dollars which these walks will cost is all spent at home, for labor, and will circulate freely.

Mr. W. C. Coleman has sold his stock of pianos and organs to the Cable Company, and the company has representatives in DeLand this week disposing of the stock at very low prices. The sale is in charge of Mr. Dan Keith and Mr. Coleman, and is being conducted from the White Front stand. The store is open evenings, and concerts are being given on a Simplex piano player. When one thinks of the number of pianos and organs sold in DeLand, he marvels at the resources of our people, and wonders where "all the money comes from." Most of the instruments are sold on the "installment plan," and nearly every fellow feels that he can pay \$10 to \$25 down and \$6 to \$10 a month. DeLand will be more musical than ever when this sale is completed.

Solicitor Perkins has returned after a week's visit to Jacksonville.

Mrs. A. B. Oliver is spending a couple of weeks visiting friends at Hague, Fla.

Tax Collector D. Perkins Smith was in town several days the first of the week.

Miss Renee Montreville, who has been quite ill with fever, is now convalescing.

Call up Phone 68 and get your fresh meats delivered at your door. Marsh Bros.

Miss Laura Fish entertained a number of young lady friends Tuesday evening.

F. P. McElroy advertises some very attractive bargains in dry goods, shoes, etc.

Mrs. Gaudin and family spent some time on the beach, returning home this week.

Bob McGriff, formerly of DeLand, is chief engineer at Miami's new electric lighting plant.

Mrs. W. A. Allen entertained Saturday evening, informally, for the Misses La Fontaine.

Miss Josephine Lindley, Miss Viola Hart and Mr. Ted Heimbarger leave on a visit to St. Louis.

Miss M. N. Voorhis and Miss Guidici of this week for Lebanon, O., where they will spend the summer.

A luncheon party was given by Miss Mary Stewart last evening for her guest, Miss Brown of Kentucky.

St. Barnabas Sunday school will continue during the summer, meeting at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning.

Mr. J. A. Bowser left this week for Fall Branch, Tenn., his old home, where he expects to spend several months.

Mr. C. H. Yeargin returned home the first of the week, after spending his vacation at his old home in Slaysville, Ga.

The Rev. Campbell Gray of Orlando, will preach at St. Barnabas Episcopal church on Sunday, July 31, at 10:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Klapp have gone to Lewiston, Pa., the home of Stetson's new president, where they will spend the summer.

Dr. Farris and family leave for Tennessee on Monday. They will spend several weeks in the vicinity of Knoxville.

Mrs. Ward Gould entertained a few young ladies at a social Thursday afternoon, at the home of the Misses LaFontaine of Gainesville.

There is to be a quiet wedding next month, it is said, the contracting parties being two of DeLand's most popular young society people.

Mrs. E. L. McBride entertained a number of ladies at supper on Tuesday for the Misses LaFontaine. A delightful time is reported by all.

Mrs. J. Archie Smith and Miss Carolyn Leamer leave on Monday for St. Louis. Mrs. Smith's old home, where they will visit some time and see the fair.

Rev. J. E. Oates left on Monday for Tennessee, where he will spend his usual vacation. Mrs. Oates and son join Mr. Oates in Tennessee next week.

Mr. Charlie Anderson left this week for Kentucky, Indiana and St. Louis. He will bring Mrs. Anderson and the baby home with him when he returns.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held next week to make arrangements for conducting the special election for mayor, which has been called for Tuesday, August 2.

The machinery for the Bond sandstone brick factory at Lake Helen has arrived and is now being installed. It is thought that the making of brick will begin about August.

B. A. Hammett, one of the salesmen for the Cable Company "doing" DeLand this week, is a hustler. He has been circulating among the people and has disposed of several instruments.

Miss Gould is forming a class for studying the rudiments of music. Thorough drill will be given in note reading, division of time, and the meaning and use of musical signs. The class will meet Thursday mornings at the Putnam.

The first regular shoot of the DeLand Gun Club was held at the Aquatic Club grounds on Friday. Only a half dozen members were present, but they had a great time shooting at clay pigeons. The score is suppressed by request.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Woodson, who opened the Floral Grove for guests on June 1, are doing a flourishing business. They have 12 or 14 regulars and numerous transients come and go constantly. They are greatly pleased with their success.

Mr. Coleman, traveling representative for the Robin Hood loaded shell company, was in DeLand Monday. He took a half dozen members of the gun club out to the Aquatic Club grounds and furnished the shells for a trial. These shells are being handled by Dreka & Co.

Twelve hundred dollars of the indebtedness of the Aquatic Club was paid on Tuesday. This leaves the club owing only \$1,000 now. The grounds have a little better than paid for themselves, that is, their keep, the past year.

Pedro, the Putnam's big alligator, was moved to the Aquatic Club grounds on Tuesday. The moving of Pedro was quite an undertaking. He had to be roped "fore and aft" before he could be gotten into the wagon. The club expects to get all the animals, snakes, etc., they can, and have a menagerie on the grounds.

Mr. Emmett Wilson, who graduated from the Law Department of Stetson University in May, is now associated with his brother in the practice of law at Marianna, and is doing well. DeLand people, and all the faculty and the students of the past two years, will watch with deep interest the careers of the personnel of the 1904 law class.

## Ammunition

Shells from Bigelow's won nearly all the prizes at the Aquatic Club shoot on the Fourth. 'Nuf ced.

## Black and Smokeless Powder BIGELOW'S

### COURT NEWS.

Willie Redfield is again in trouble. This time Willie is charged with making an assault on Pe-wee with a razor. Willie is spending the heated term in Hotel de Jail.

C. B. Campbell, who claims to be a Boston negro, is in durance vile, charged with too friendly relations with the young daughter of J. D. Rhain, another negro.

Butler Williams and Solomon Solomon, two negroes who escaped from Merritt & Powell's gang at Gardener, were caught last week and returned to their pleasant duty, boxing pine trees. One of them was caught at Morrison's still in the north end of Volusia county by Constable Cade, and the other was located and caught at Hunter just over the Putnam county line, by Sheriff Turner. Deputy Cade and Game Warden Kurtz, Sheriff Turner took them both back to Gardener.

Johnnie Johnson, the long-legged negro known as John the Baptist, is in trouble again, for the 'steenth time. John had visions of chicken pills and Ruth Mitchell, who lives on the Kaler property, lost her chickens. John and the chickens were found in company, one with the other. The chickens were introduced in Justice Bradley's court when the pre-

liminary hearing took place. The reporter did not learn what became of the chickens, but John is in jail.

### Free Scholarship at St. Petersburg.

According to Chapter 4997 of the Statutes of Florida, I am entitled to select one person who shall be entitled to free instruction in the St. Petersburg Normal and Industrial School. This person must be between the ages 16 and 25 years and must be appointed according to the regulations and restrictions furnished by the State Board of Education.

For further information apply to F. W. Sams, Senator, New Smyrna, Fla.

The next six months will be record-breakers in residence building at DeLand.

Lot for sale—Will sell cheap, to person who will build a good house, one finely located lot on North Boulevard. Enquire at this office.

William Murphy and Mrs. Amanda Vickers, of Lake Helen, colored, have been licensed to wed.

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Our efforts to please the people have been so highly appreciated that we have decided to continue this sale another week.

From the big stock which was bought especially to serve your Spring and Summer wants, we mention the following choice styles in CLOTHING AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SHOES.

Men's Wool Crash Suits selling at \$6.00 now \$4.95  
Men's Two-Piece Suits selling at \$8.00 now \$6.50  
Men's Two-Piece Suits selling at \$10.00 now \$8.25  
Men's Two-Piece Suits selling at \$12.00 now \$9.75

Special prices on our regular Three-Piece Suits and Boys' and Children's Clothing.

Notice These Prices On Men's Pants.

PANTS	SELLING	\$5.00	AT	\$3.25
"	"	4.50	"	3.00
"	"	4.00	"	2.75
"	"	3.50	"	2.50
"	"	3.00	"	2.00

### MEN'S SHOES WOMEN'S SHOES

Men's Patent Leather, Lace, regular stock \$5.00 at \$4.00	Women's pat vici \$3.50 at \$2.75
Men's Lace Vici 3.50 " 2.75	" Kid 3.00 " 2.50
" Congress 3.00 " 2.50	" Oxfords 3.00 " 2.50
" Oxfords 4.00 " 3.00	" " 2.50 " 2.00
" " 3.50 " 2.75	" " 2.25 2.00 " 1.75
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